

All claims standing for examination in the above-referenced case are reproduced below as an aid in prosecution. Those amended in this paper are marked (Currently Amended). Those not amended are marked (Original).

1. (Currently Amended) A system for configuring [Internet] network appliances, comprising:
 - a server having a connection to a network;
 - a data repository accessible by the server[, and comprising data related to Internet appliances to be configured]; and
 - control routines for configuring [Internet] network appliances via the network connection;

wherein, upon receiving a request from [an Internet] a network appliance via the network connection, including information identifying an account to be used, the control routines consult the database for correct procedure, and interact with the appliance via the network connection to configure the appliance for [Internet] network access and operation.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the network connection comprises a COST network.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the dial-up server further comprises an Internet connection, and information from the Internet is used in configuring Internet appliances.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the control routines in the server interact with compatible control routines pre-programmed in the Internet appliance during configuration.

5. (Currently Amended) An Internet appliance comprising:

a network connection port; and

pre-programmed configuration routines,

wherein, upon connection to the network [and initiation by the user] [the appliance initiates] a communication with a configuration server connected to the network is initiated with the appliance providing information identifying an account to be used, and the appliance interacts with compatible routines executing on the server to configure the appliance.

6. (Original) The Internet appliance of claim 5 wherein the network is a connection-type telephone network.

7. (Original) The Internet appliance of claim 6 wherein based on the initiation of the connection the server selects the appropriate routines to service the particular Internet appliance.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for configuring an Internet appliance, comprising steps of:

(a) pre-programming the Internet appliance [having a network port] with first configuration routines adapted to interact with a remote network configuration server having second configuration routines, the firstb routines including information identifying an account to be used;

(b) connecting the Internet appliance by the network port to a compatible network;

(c) providing an initiation signal [at the Internet appliance, the signal] causing the appliance to establish communication and initiate interaction with the configuration server; and

- (d) configuring the Internet appliance for Internet access by interaction of the first and second configuration routines.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein, in step (a) the network is a connection-type telephony network.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein in step (d) the configuration server uses one or both of Automatic Number Identification (ANI) and Destination Number Information Service (DNIS) to [launch] select specific configuration routines [adapted] for the particular appliance.